

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13037–S13066*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1769–1773. Page S13051

**Measures Passed:**

***Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act:*** Senate passed H.R. 441, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S13064–65

Roberts (for Lott/Daschle) Amendment No. 2326, to provide national interest waivers of job offer requirements for aliens who are members of the professions holding advanced degrees or aliens of exceptional ability. Pages S13064–65

Roberts (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2327, to make a technical clarification to the L visa program (a temporary, nonimmigrant visa allowing a U.S. company which is part of an international business to make intra-company transfers from overseas of foreign executives, managers, and employees with specialized knowledge to America.) Page S13065

**African Growth and Opportunity Act:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 434, to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa. Pages S13037–45

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, October 26, 1999. Page S13045

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill on Monday, October 25, 1999. Page S13066

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

Richard K. Eaton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade. Pages S13065–66

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 12:44 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, October 25, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13066.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### PANAMA CANAL

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Committee held open and closed hearings to examine issues of security of the Panama Canal, receiving testimony from Representatives Rohrabacher and Barr; Brian E. Sheridan, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; Alberto Aleman Zubieta, Administrator, and Joseph W. Cornelison, Deputy Administrator, both of the Panama Canal Commission; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, United States Southern Command; Ambassador Lino Gutierrez, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Caspar W. Weinberger, former Secretary of Defense.

Hearings recessed subject to call.